

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 7 and 18 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, raised on page 2 of the Office Action, namely to clarify the recitation that hangers 22 and 24 are adjustable between deployed (Fig. 3) and installation (Fig. 4) positions.

Claims 7-15 have been indicated allowable on pages 5-7 of the Office Action. By this amendment, Claim 7 has been amended into independent form. Accordingly, Claims 7-15 are now in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,443,232 to Kesinger et al., Claims 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,721,412 to Kindorf and Claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kesinger et al in view of the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). However, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein recite patentable subject matter over the applied art for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to an improved stackable cable holder in which the interconnected hangers 22, 24 are displaceable relative to one another without being detached, allowing the inner hanger 22 to be conveniently gripped by a worker, and attached to a support such as an antenna. Servicing is facilitated, resulting in distinct improvement over the prior art structure illustrated, e.g., in Figs. 1 and 2 of the present application.

These and other advantages are attained by the present invention as recited in independent Claim 1 and which is directed to a cable holder having inner and outer hangers each having a respective axis of symmetry and displaceably coupled to one another, with the hangers being capable of being adjusted between deployed (Fig. 3) and installation (Fig. 4) positions; in the deployed position, the axes of symmetry are aligned; and in the installation position, the axes of symmetry are offset from one another, and can also be substantially parallel to one another. Independent Claim 18 is directed to a method of securing the cable holder by displacing the hangers relative to one another to offset the previously-aligned axes of symmetry.

The features of the presently claimed invention together with the accompanying advantages attained thereby are neither disclosed nor suggested by the applied art, for the following reasons.

With respect to the rejection of independent Claim 1, the Examiner states that Kesinger et al. teach all the elements of Claim 1, including inner and outer hangers each having a respective axis of symmetry, with the hangers being capable of being adjusted from a deployed position in which the axes of symmetry of the inner and outer hangers are aligned. However, Kesinger et al. at col. 3, lines 20-26 discloses the cable 30 being suspended from the pipe 16 at a right angle to an axis A-A through the center of the pipe 16. Accordingly, Kesinger et al. teaches that the axes of symmetry should not be aligned but rather extend perpendicularly to one another in deployed position. Furthermore, Kesinger et al. fails to disclose axes of symmetry both parallel and offset to one another in installation position.

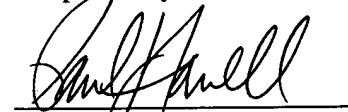
With respect to the rejection of dependent Claims 16-18 and 20, the Examiner states that Kindorf teaches a cable holder with inner 20 and outer 1 hangers each having a respective axis of symmetry and displaceably coupled to one another between a deployed position, in which the axes are aligned, to an installation position in which the axes are offset. However,

Kindorf in Figs. 1-3, discloses the wire strap 20 being suspended from a U-shaped channel 1 extending at a right angle to a conduit 10. The axes of symmetry of the wire strap 20 and channel 1 are clearly not aligned as shown in Kindorf, with the strap 22 mounted at an end of the channel 1.

Concerning the rejection of Claims 4 and 5, since Figures 1 and 2 in the present application show the inner and outer hangers 110 may rotate relative to one another only about an axis of symmetry common to both hangers 110, 110, in contrast to the inner and outer hangers of the present invention rotating relative to one another about axes of symmetry offset from one another, Figs. 1 and 2 add nothing to Kesinger et al. to render obvious the invention recited in any claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted all of the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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